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Dear Parents and Laurel Meadow Staff - Welcome back to school!!

We would like to welcome all of the families and staff members back for another exciting year at LMES. We especially would like to welcome our new Principal, Sandra Crowder and Assistant Principal, Will Brizendine to LMES! We hope you all had a great summer and are ready to ROAR into a new school year.

The LMES PTA has been working hard to plan exciting activities and programs again this year. Our first event is Goodies with Grandparents on Friday September 15th. This event always draws a big crowd of students and grandparents, especially because your child wants to show their grandparents the school and their new teachers! Then, Dads, be sure to join us for our Watch D.O.G.S Pizza night Tuesday October 3rd. This is a great time for you or any male role model to sign-up for our Watch D.O.G.S program.

We are super excited to partner with LMES again this year for the Boosterthon fundraiser in October! This event was so much fun last year and such a huge success for LMES! Be sure to look for much more information on this in the coming weeks.

Another great way to help support the LMES and PTA is our monthly spirit nights. We hope you will join us for our spirit nights at Panera on September 19th, Marco Pizza on October 17th and Ashland Skateland on October 24th!

Don't forget to pick up on of our new Spirit wear shirts! The first Friday of every month is LMES Spirit Day to show your pride in LMES. This year we have shirts available in our two new designs: Anchor and King of LMES. Shirts are \$12 and can be purchased at any school event or by submitting a form. We still have some of our Tie-dye shirts left from last year as well, these are also \$12.

If you have not already done so, we hope you will support the PTA by joining today for only \$6.00! As always our goal is to reach 100%, but in the years past we only reached approx... 50-60% membership. What does your membership support? It supports our PTA school activities, grade level requests, resource teacher requests and school technology upgrades just to name a few. Remember, membership is annual so you need to renew each year.

As always, be sure to look in your child's Tuesday folders for all the exciting events, offers and news that are happening at LMES! We hope you will join us for our first General PTA membership meeting on Thursday September 28th @ 5:30pm in the Library.

The LMES PTA is looking forward to working with all of you and to a great 2017-2018 school year!

Sincerely, Dana Hughs PTA President



Principal's Corner - Ms. Sandra Crowder



Welcome to the Laurel Meadow Family! We are very excited to begin our tenth year as a school community and look forward to another successful year. Both Mr. Brizendine and I are excited to begin our time at Laurel Meadow. The following tips will help families make the transition into school routines.

Attendance – Regular attendance is critical for academic progress. However, we know that emergencies occur and that children get sick during the school year. Please call the school clinic at 723-2046 if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the nurse’s voice mail prior to school opening in the morning. When you call please give your child’s name, teacher’s name, and a reason for the absence. In addition, a written note for the teacher when your child returns would be appreciated so the absence is appropriately documented.



Tardy – Regular school hours are 7:45 -2:30. A student is considered tardy if they have not reported to the classroom by 8:00 a.m. Students arriving to school after 8:00 must come with their parent to the main office to sign in and receive a tardy pass.

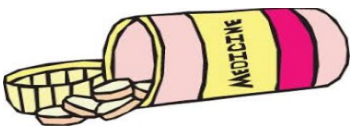
Building Hours – Students are permitted to enter the building at 7:30 a.m. Students entering the building between 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. are supervised in the cafeteria until it is time to report to classrooms. The main office closes at 3:30 each day.

Student Drop –off – In the morning students may be dropped off in the front loop. Please have your child ready to exit the vehicle when you stop. Staff members are on duty until the tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m. to supervise children as they enter the building.



Student Pick-up – A student may leave the school premises during the day only with the permission of the parent or legal guardian. We require written permission if anyone other than the student’s parent or guardian picks them up at school. We will ask for a photo identification of the person signing out the child for safety reasons. After-school pick up occurs in the school cafeteria. You will need to sign your child out and be prepared to show photo identification. This process will help to ensure the safety of our children. The best place to enter the cafeteria will be via the side cafeteria door.

Medication – Hanover County’s medication policy prohibits the transfer of any type of medication (prescription or over-the-counter) by your child. All medications must be brought to the clinic by an adult. Any medication taken at school for 10 days or more requires a doctor’s written order.



Toys/Valuables – Toys, trading cards and valuables such as electronic devices are not permitted at school unless the teacher has given special permission for them to be brought to school for a special activity or project.

Cell Phones – They are allowed at school; however they must remain in your child’s backpack and turned off during the school day and on the school bus.



Student Dress – Students are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. However, student attire must not be a distraction to the learning environment. Messages on clothing that



relate to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vulgarity, violence, or that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, creed or national origin will not be permitted in school. Flip flops, crocks and high heeled shoes present a major hazard on the playground equipment and stairs. Children wearing inappropriate footwear will have limited access to some of the outside equipment. If at any time you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact the school administration at 723-2040.

Welcome New Staff! Amanda Taylor—Grade 5 Mrs. Taylor comes to us with experiences from Kindergarten through 6th grade. She is a wonderful addition to the Lions!

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



The 2017-2018 Theme 'Within Reach'

Reflections Awards Program

Students in Pre-K through grade 12 create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts.

We hope that through the array of opportunities more students can enter the program this year. Feel free to contact Heather Bronson with any questions or concerns.

Deadline for Entries is November 10th to the office by the end of the school day.

Awards November 30th at the STEM Fair

Arts and Education Information

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Health & Safety



A properly-fitted helmet is the most effective way to prevent a head injury resulting from a bicycle crash.

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible. Here are a few tips so that you'll be safe while you do so.

The Hard Facts

Properly-fitted helmets can reduce the risk of head injuries by at least 45 percent – yet less than half of children 14 and under usually wear a bike helmet.

Top Tips

- ☆ Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- ☆ Ride on the sidewalk when you can. If not, ride in the same direction as traffic as far on the right-hand side as possible.
- ☆ Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road. Be predictable by making sure you ride in a straight line and don't swerve between cars.
- ☆ Wear bright colors and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning. Reflectors on your clothes and bike will help you be seen.
- ☆ Ride with your children. Stick together until you are comfortable that your kids are ready to ride on their own.



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						
3	4 LABOR DAY School is Closed	5 <i>First Day of</i> SCHOOL	6	7	8 LMES Spirit T-Shirt Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Goodies with Grandparents 7:30AM - 8:00AM	16
17	18	19 Panera Spirit Night 4-8 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Back to School Night - 6:30PM	29	30

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

LMES Boosterthon Fun Run !!

The PTA and LMES have joined together again this year to do one fall fundraiser! Last year the Boosterthon Fun Run made a profit of **\$28,275.00**. We now have SMART Boards in every Pre K -5th grade classroom! This year we will be raising money for iPads and Instructional Supplies. Come Join the fun and support our school on Friday, October 27th.

Laurel Meadow Elementary Is Participating In The Clothing To Cash Recycling Program
Clean Out Your Closet & Help Our School Raise Money!





Laurel Meadow Elementary will be paid for every pound we collect.
All materials will be Reworn, Repurposed or finally Recycled.

The goal is to FILL our collection bin WEEKLY with as many PLASTIC BAGS of clothing, shoes and other textiles as possible!

Look for the large white collection bin in the school parking lot.



Clothes & Shoes

Help Support Our School & Save The Environment One Bag At A Time!



WE WANT ITEMS IN **ALL** CONDITIONS, UNWANTED, OUTGROWN AND OUT OF STYLE.

We accept the following:

ALL CLOTHING	(New and Used Women's, Men's and Children's, Clothing, Coats, etc.)
ALL FOOTWEAR	(Shoes, Sneakers, Boots, Cleats, etc.)
TEXTILES	(Bedding, Sheets, Blankets, Towels)
ACCESSORIES	(Handbags, Backpacks, Gloves, Scarves, Jewelry, Wallets)
TOYS	(Stuffed Animals)

We Do Not Accept:
Furniture, Food, Foam Cushions or Plastic items

Hope you've been collecting Box Tops over the summer! Please turn in your stash by October 6th.

Prizes for highest total in each grade level!



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

At Laurel Meadow,

I respect myself and others.
 I have the power to make good choices.
 I am responsible for my learning.
 I have pride in my school.

